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Attorney General, John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Like most consumers of technology products, I was happy to learn that Microsoft and the Department of Justice have finally come to a settlement agreement that can forever end the antitrust lawsuit at the federal level. The premise that Microsoft exercised monopoly power was flawed from the start. In a monopoly environment, the consumer is hurt. In the IT industry, the consumer only benefited from Microsoft's size and large market share. Microsoft's competitors, not their consumers, were hurt. In any other industry, what Microsoft did would be called savvy business practices, not a monopoly.

In the end, the government's involvement in the affairs of Microsoft will hurt consumers of technology products. Microsoft has already been hurt enough by having to share information about the internal interfaces in Windows and not being able to react when a company promotes non-Microsoft products.

I support the settlement that is currently on the table. The IT industry and the American people deserve an end to this lawsuit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl McCalley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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